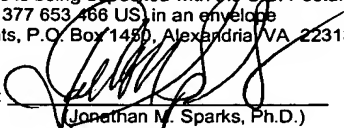


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 20, 2004, applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I (claims 1-5, 7-16, and 24-35) for continued examination, with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-4 are generic to Groups I-VI. If the Examiner maintains his Restriction of the above-identified groups, it is Applicants' understanding that upon the finding of an allowable generic claim from elected Group I (i.e., one of Claims 1-4), the search will be extended to include Groups II-VI.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. PTZ-007 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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